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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Blue Granite Water Company's Request for Approval of Wastewater Agreements **Docket No. 2021-284-S**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as notification that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the filing submitted by Blue Granite Water Company ("BGWC" or the "Company") for Request for Approval of Wastewater Agreement ("Agreement") between BGWC and Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation ("Christian Brothers"). On August 17, 2021, the Company and Christian Brothers entered into the Agreement and the Company filed the Agreement with the Commission on August 26, 2021. In compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-541 the Company filed the Agreement with the Commission and now seeks Commission approval of the Agreement.

The Agreement is related to the construction and installation of wastewater facilities to serve approximately 1.33 acres located in Lexington County at 8079 Irmo Drive, Columbia SC 29212 (the "Property"). BGWC requests that such approval without the need for notice or hearings is appropriate in this case.

According to the Agreement, the Property is projected to consist of one (1) commercial development consisting of a commercial automotive repair facility to be called Christian Brothers Automotive and having an estimated daily wastewater usage of 300 gpd when completed. The Agreement states that Christian Brothers desires BGWC to provide wastewater utility service within the Property and BGWC desires to provide wastewater utility service according to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

The ORS understands that a Satellite Sewer Agreement ("SSA") exists between BGWC and the City of Columbia, South Carolina ("City"), which was executed on July 30, 2018, and

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approved by this Commission on October 30, 2018. Pursuant to the SSA, Carolina Water Service, Inc.² transmits wastewater collected in its Satellite Sewer System near the Friarsgate Subdivision in Richland County to the City's sewer System for treatment and discharge. The SSA also establishes a Capacity Assurance Program ("CAP"). The CAP requires BGWC to obtain approval from the City prior to BGWC's authorization to its customers for certain service. BGWC provided documentation to ORS indicating that the City approved the agreement for BGWC to provide wastewater service to the Property in this proceeding.

ORS reviewed this Agreement and does not object to the filing submitted by the Company for request for approval of the Agreement between it and Christian Brothers.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

All Parties of Record (via electronic mail) cc: Jo Anne Wessinger-Hill, Esquire (via electronic mail)

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¹ See Commission in Order No. 2018-682.

² Carolina Water Service, Incorporated changed its name to Blue Granite Water Company. See Commission Order No. 2019-228. For purposes of the SSA and this letter, the entities are one and the same.